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1. SIFRA MOST INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH STANLEY BJONERUD. HOWEVER, SIFRA REQUEST PASS FOLLOWING EXPLANATION IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE PLAN OF WORK. IN FORMING JOINT COMPANY SHARES DIVIDED 50/50 BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS OF GUINEA AND LIBYA. GUINEAN CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITALIZATION WILL BE EXISTING FACILITIES. LIBYA WILL PUT UP MATCHING AMOUNT IN HARD CURRENCY. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE AMOUNT OF LIBYAN FINANCING GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA IS SEEKING INITIALLY A FINANCIAL EVALUATION OF THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS IS REASON FOR REQUEST FOR VARIOUS EXPERTS REFERRED TO IN PREVIOUS CABLE. SIFRA OF COURSE ANXIOUS TO GET UNDERWAY AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER BJONERUD VISIT PRELIMINARY TO ACTUAL EVALUATION OR WHETHER HE COULD START SUCH ASSESSMENT.

2. IF, AS YOUR CABLE SUGGESTS, BJONERUD VISIT PRIMARILY FAMILIARIZATION, SIFRA WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE HIM IN EARLY AUGUST. HOWEVER, SIFRA REQUEST THAT TRAVEL BE AT DEL MONTE EXPENSE FOR THIS INITIAL CONTACT AND PRIOR TO THE DISCUSSIONS OF AN ACTUAL CONTRACT. HARROP

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